AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 12, 2005 AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 30, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 1105

Introduced by Senator Speier

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Vargas)

March 1, 2005

An act to add Section 10111.7 to the Insurance Code, relating to life insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1105, as amended, Speier. Life insurance: travel.

Existing law generally regulates life insurance.

This bill would prohibit an insurer from taking specified actions relating to issuing, renewing, or rating a life insurance policy based solely upon the applicant's or insured's past or future lawful travel destinations. The bill would allow an insurer to exclude or limit coverage of specifie, or refuse to issue a policy, based upon lawful travel, or charge a different rate, when bona fide statistical differences in risk or exposure have been substantiated that action is based upon sound actuarial principles or is related to actual and reasonably expected experience.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10111.7 is added to the Insurance Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 10111.7. (a) An insurer shall not deny or refuse to accept an
- 4 application for life insurance, or refuse to insure, refuse to renew,

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cancel, restrict, or otherwise terminate a policy of life insurance, or charge a different rate for the same life insurance coverage, based *solely* upon the applicant's or insured's past or future lawful travel destinations.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an insurer from excluding or limiting coverage of specific lawful travel under a life insurance policy, or charging a different rate for that coverage, when bona fide statistical differences in risk or exposure have been substantiated. excluding or limiting coverage under a life insurance policy, or refusing to offer life insurance, based upon lawful travel, or from charging a different rate for that coverage, when that action is based upon sound actuarial principles or is related to actual and reasonably expected experience.

All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as introduced in Senate, March 1, 2005.